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An EXCITING and CHALLENGING FALL at THE GRANGE

Marilyn Litvak has organized a stimulating and interesting fall lecture series *Toronto Talks* with three outstanding speakers: Robert Colombo, Dr. Carl Benn and Mike Filey. We need your support to sell tickets and to spread the word in your communities. Jane Ash and Sally Lowrey, our new co-convenors of The Grange Dinners are planning wonderful desserts for the occasion - an added bonus!

Helvi Hunter has a great schedule of speakers for our monthly volunteer suppers which will be held on the third Tuesday of the month. Our first speaker on Tuesday, Sept. 23 (a fourth Tuesday!) is Joyce Lewis, a noted Canadian historian and former member of The Grange Council.

Our education program is being re-thought with the help of the Education Department and should be in place in the new year. Pat Robertson, our new chair of Education has *Daily Pursuits* organized for every other Tuesday from Thanksgiving until Victoria Day. We need some spare volunteers. Please give this your consideration.

As you know, Peggy Eades, our secretary/coordinator, retired on July 31. We shall miss Peggy for her consistent help and devotion to The Grange. Peggy was most appreciative of the Tom Thompson pin and scarf and the tickets to the fall lecture series given her.

In the interim, before the hiring of the new staff person, we will need all your help and expertise as we work out the day-to-day organization and maintenance of The Grange. With your support and concern, I know that The Grange will provide services to the public in the accordance with our best traditions.

- Flo Morson, Chair, The Grange



WELCOME TO THE GRANGE

On the left, a photograph from

The Grange brochure depicting the free-standing staircase and the stained glass window with the Boulton Family Crest.

On the right, a grade five student's rendering of the free-standing staircase, the window with family crest and the painting of D'Arcy Boulton, Sr.



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REMINDER

Please submit your news articles
for the next

Grange Newsletter by
OCTOBER 24 th, 1997.

COMING EVENTS

VOLUNTEER TRAINING SUPPERS

Date: Tuesday, September 23, 1997 @ 5:30 p.m.

Speaker: Joyce Lewis

Topic: LIFE OUTSIDE THE GRANGE IN THE 1840s

FAMILY SUNDAYS AT THE GRANGE RETURN

A new season of family fun begins at The Grange on **Sunday, October 19th, 1997**. There will be special baking demonstrations, pinpricking, mystery objects and treasure hunts. Young children will have the opportunity to dress-up in period costume and listen to stories by Mary Lou Zingrone (a Wednesday afternoon volunteer).

The Grange Autumn Lecture Series for 1997 presents:

“TORONTO TALKS”

Date: Wednesday October 8, 1997 @ 12:15 p.m.

Speaker: John Robert Colombo

Topic: HAUNTED TORONTO

John Robert Colombo is known nationally as Canada's "Master Gatherer" for his "quote books" and Canada's Mr. Mystery for his books in the field of the supernatural and the paranormal.

Date: Wednesday October 22, 1997 @ 12:15 p.m.

Speaker: Dr. Carl Benn

Topic: THE HISTORY OF ST. JAMES' CATHEDRAL

Dr. Carl Benn is the Curator, Military History, Heritage Toronto and a noted Toronto historian.

Date: Wednesday November 5, 1997 @ 12:15 p.m.

Speaker: Mike Filey

Topic: THE DEVELOPMENT OF TORONTO'S WATERFRONT

Mike Filey is a well-known Toronto columnist and author of many books on Toronto, including the "Toronto Sketches" series.

Location: The Grange Music Room

Tickets: AGO members and AGO volunteers - \$ 7.50 each lecture.
Non-members - \$ 9.00 each lecture.

Après Lecture - Dessert and Coffee included.

To order: Please call Program Registration at 979-6608
For further information call The Grange 979-6660 ext.337

Boulton Family Members Visit The Grange

A number of Boulton Family members have visited The Grange this year.

May: D'Arcy Jonathan Dacre Boulton, South Bend, Indiana.

June: Heather Boulton McCleary, Montrose, Colorado.

Janet McCleary Wetter, Buffalo, New York.

July: Nelder Boulton & daughter Laura, Gabriola, Gabriola Island,
British Columbia.

(All thought to be descendants of D'Arcy Edward of Cobourg. He was the third son of D'Arcy Jr & Sarah Anne.)

When Boulton family members identify themselves, we ask them to sign the visitor's book, complete with address, if they have no objection. Please also take them to the Chair's office to see the family trees. They usually enjoy finding themselves and their relatives. Please try to make a few notes about the visit and pass them along to Avril Stringer.

Staffing News *by Georgette Caldwell*

Two of our volunteers have completed their training passed their tests and are now costumed members. They are: Vicky Stathenas who comes in on Saturdays and Louise Valois, a Friday volunteer.

Vicky has completed her first year at University of Toronto and will be returning for studies in Art Administration this September. She hopes to work in the Art Gallery when she has obtained her degree. She is interested in languages and in addition to Greek which is her parents' first language, she has a working knowledge of nine other languages. She is also interested in acting and singing which she enjoys when she has time.

Louise, formerly of Montreal, has made her home in Toronto for several decades. She worked at one time as a French-speaking translator at the Medical Faculty at the University of Toronto and now works on a volunteer basis with an organization run by a group of students encouraging business and law students to participate in exchange programs with students in other countries. She is the mother of two daughters and a son. Her hobbies are writing, swimming and aqua fitness.

The Grange was also fortunate to have four high school students assisting in four-hour shifts from Tuesday to Saturday. They were Simon Tse, on Tuesdays and Thursdays; Vivian Mau, on Wednesdays and Fridays; Richard Liu, on Thursdays and Elizabeth Kim who worked on Saturdays.

Special mention goes out to the four ladies who volunteered their time at Scadding Cabin during the Canadian National Exhibition. They were: Mary Cormack (a Sunday volunteer), Helvi Hunter (from the Wednesday bridge shift), Pat Robertson (a Wednesday evening volunteer), Edna Rigby (a Sunday volunteer) and Alma Tanti (formerly of the Wednesday bridge shift).

Just a short message in Greek mythology and Latin translation.

First, Henry John Boulton's motto and crest shown in the ante-room to the Grange Library:
Nosce Teipsum - Know Thyself

A very sensible maxim!

Secondly. Have you every examined the Red and Green Royal Worcester china that is used on the dining table at Christmas and is now being used in the Breakfast Room? It dates from 1800 -1820 and, according to the Royal Ontario Museum, who also have a collection of this pattern in its Canadiana Gallery, it was made for the family of Daniel Fowler.

The crest is a militant looking raised fist clutching a spray of something. The motto reads:
Medio tutissimus ibis

Elaine Freedman placed a request for a translation on the internet and received two replies, from Joshua T. and Elizabeth d'Anjou. Both gave the translation as:

"You will go most safely by the middle way".

from Ovid's Metamorphoses.

Elizabeth however, goes a step further and explains the myth.

The story, for those obsessive types among us ... is of Phoebus / Apollo, the sun god, giving his son Phaethon instructions on how to ride the chariot of the sun across the sky. Both sky and earth need warmth, but not too much, so he's supposed to keep steadily down the middle the whole way.

Of course, like so many a son trusted at the reins of the family business, Phaethon blows it, and Libya ends up getting scorched -- hence the desert.

So endeth the classics lesson for today. - Avril Stringer, Research.

MRS PALMER'S VALUABLE RECEIPTS

Found at Black Creek Pioneer Village; a sheet of Mrs. Palmer's Valuable Receipts. It was not dated and, of course, we do not know who Mrs. Palmer was. However, the receipts are intriguing to say the least.

- Avril Stringer, Research

To take the frost out of the feet and to stay itching.

Take goose manure and lard. Mix and apply to parts. (A simple recipe with very easily obtained ingredients.)

Windy Spasms

One ounce camphor put into one pint rum. Take one tablespoonful every ten minutes until relieved. (Doesn't sound bad!)

Emerodal Diseases, commonly called Piles

Use a small candle rolled in the Golden Ointment: insert up the anus all night: wear this a few nights, and you will be well. Lubricate externally. Drink Fire Weed Tea or take twelve drops Fire Weed Oil daily for two or three days, and you will be well. (Perhaps a little uncomfortable)

Golden Ointment

One pound lard
8 ounces bees wax, melted.
Have one ounce camphor gum put into five ounces of alcohol, one ounce of origanum and one ounce of laudanum.
Let all dissolve while you are melting the first two. Then stir together until cold. Don't put them together too hot, or the camphor will go off in steam, and you will lose the good of it.

This great family remedy will cure pain in the side by applying a plaster.
For enlarged neck or goiter - to be diluted with one third of iodine.
For eruptions of the skin, such as salt rheum, catarrh, piles, gravel, burns, etc., go by direction.
(Obviously a great multi-purpose ointment.)

Recommended Reading:

The Simcoe Legacy: The Life and Times of Yonge Street
The Ontario Historical Society,
Willowdale, ON 1996.

This booklet is a collection of papers given at a seminar in celebration of Yonge Street's 200th anniversary.

The papers, by Dr. Carl Benn of Heritage Toronto, Donald B. Smith of the History Dept., University of Calgary and others are very interesting and readable accounts of various incidents in Yonge Street's history.

PROCEDURE

SIGNING OUT BOOKS FROM THE GRANGE LIBRARY

How do you sign out a library book when there is no library staff-person on duty ?

A specific procedure must be followed when signing out library books which are NOT located on the volunteer shelves. If a librarian is on duty, she will take care of the signing-out process. If there is no librarian, volunteers must go to the secretary's office upstairs and locate the library slips from a specially marked drawer (to the left of the secretary's desk) for signing out library books. The slip must be filled-out with your name and the name of the book you wish to borrow. The slip must be left in this drawer. Upon returning your library book, you must collect the same library slip from the drawer in the secretary's office and then tear it up. The library book can then be left on the desk in the library. Only the librarians will return the books to the shelf. As a reminder, a special note-pad is used to sign our books from the shelves designated as "Volunteer". Upon returning these books, simply cross-off your name and leave the book on the librarian's desk.